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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (WCIWY)--MARCH 3-14,  
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1. SUMMARY: DESPITE STRONG AND PERSISTENT POSITION ADVANCED BY  
MEXICO WITH SUPPORT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ON OPENING DAY AND  
THROUGHOUT SESSION THAT WCIWY MUST CORRECT WORLD ECONOMIC AND  
SOCIAL ILLS BEFORE CHANGES CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE STATUS OF  
WOMEN, US DEL SUCCESSFULLY MAINTAINED US POSITION ON CERDS AND  
PRESERVED INTEGRITY OF THE CONFERENCE IN REVISED DRAFT PLAN OF  
ACTION APPROVED AT MEETING. EXPECTATION IS THAT CONFERENCE WILL  
DEVELOP PRACTICAL, REALISTIC PROGRAM FOR ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION  
BASED ON SEX AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN  
SOCIETY ALTHOUGH CONTINUING ATTEMPTS TO POLITICIZE CONFERENCE  
MUST BE EXPECTED. END SUMMARY

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2. THE REVISED PLAN OF ACTION (E/CONF.66/CC/L.4/ADDS. 1-3) IS BASICALLY A NON-POLITICAL DOCUMENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A COMMITMENT RE CERDS (PARA 13) (REFTEL). THIS COMPROMISE ACHIEVED DESPITE ADAMANT POSITION MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT BY VAST MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES. US POSITION WAS SUSTAINED BY UK, BELGIUM, JAPAN, AND FRANCE. IN DEFERENCE TO US DESIRE NOT TO POLITICIZE WCIWY, AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN DECLINED TO COSPONSOR MEXICAN CERDS AMENDMENT PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN INTRODUCTORY PART OF WORLD PLAN OF ACTION.

3. US DEL STRENGTHENED PROPOSED DRAFT PLAN IN SECTIONS DEALING WITH EDUCATION, TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT, CHILE CARE, DATA COLLECTION AND RESEARCH, AND, AMONG OTHERS, MASS MEDIA, AS WELL AS THE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN IN NATIONAL ECONOMIES AND ALL OTHER AREAS OF SOCIETY.

4. SINCE WCIWY WILL DEVOTE MAJOR ATTENTION TO THE ROLE AND INTEGRATION OF WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT, US DEL STRESSED THAT WOMEN'S WORK, PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURE ON FARMS AND IN THE MARKETS, SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS SO THAT SUCH WORK IS NOT OVERLOOKED AND EXCLUDED FROM PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS BY PLANNERS WHO BASE THEIR PLANNING ON EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS.

5. MUCH OF US DEL'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE PLAN REFLECTS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 113 OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1973, THE SO-CALLED PERCY AMENDMENT.

6. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS INSISTED THAT THE PLAN OF ACTION SHOULD REFLECT THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE RATIFICATION AND/OR UPDATING OF ALL INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS RELATED TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

7. EFFORTS BY SOVIETS TO INCLUDE IN PLAN OF ACTION A TEN PERCENT REDUCTION IN MILITARY SPENDING TO BE USED AS A SOURCE OF DEVELOPMENT AID WERE DEFEATED BY THE US WITH SUPPORT OF BELGIUM AND UK.

8. THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN TO FULL EQUALITY IN ALL AREAS OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL LIFE WERE STRESSED THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE AND STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY US DEL.

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9. US DEL BELIEVES THAT FOLLOWING IMPLICATION FOR MEXICO CONFERENCE CAN BE DRAWN:

A. REPS FROM ALL COUNTRIES BUT ESPECIALLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR WOMEN TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED AT ALL LEVELS OF PLANNING, DECISION-MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS:

B. MANY GOVERNMENTS MAY BE EXPECTED TO USE THEIR DELS AS

VEHICLES TO MAKE DEMANDS FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
PRINCIPLES OF CERDS; OR NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AS WELL  
AS TO POLITICIZE CONFERENCE IN OTHER RESPECTS.

C. NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED TO PLAY A  
LARGER ROLE IN MEXICO CITY THAN WAS THE CASE AT BUCHAREST.  
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